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DA 10-1144

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Dear Mr. Waring:

This letter grants the request, dated June 14, 2010, that you submitted on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDSSN) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during an upcoming government emergency drill.

The request states that SCDSSN will be participating in a disaster preparedness exercise on July 9, 2010, at facilities across South Carolina. The exercise will test SCDSSN's emergency preparedness communication capabilities in the event of a disaster.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. SCDSSN therefore requests a waiver of this rule to permit the following Amateur licensees who are employees of SCDSSN or the South Carolina Department of Mental Health to transmit communications on behalf of their employers in connection with the exercise: Dexter Alston, KJ4NNP; Curtis Amerson, KJ4NNQ; Thomas Anderson, KJ4NNR; Maxine Bradley, KJ4NNS; Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT; Sharon Brown, KJ4NNU; Sonja Cohen, KJ4NNV; Joan Cooper, KJ4NNW; David Fletcher, KJ4NNX; William Jackson, KJ4NNY; Andrew Jobe, KJ4NOL; Wesley Leonard, KJ4NNZ; Steve Lewallen, KJ4NOA; Angela Mars, KJ4NOB; Clarence Marshall, KJ4NOC; George Mason, KJ4NOD; Ebbis Myers, KJ4NOE; Chevis Parsons, KJ4NOF; Dewey Prince, KJ4NOG; Jessie Stevenson, KJ4NOH; Thomas Waring, KJ4NOI; Randy Wilkes, KN4NOJ; and Shirley Wilson, KJ4NOK.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the July 9 public safety exercise by permitting the specified Amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed Amateur licensees on behalf of their employer during the July 9, 2010 exercise, and immediately beforehand for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, dated June 14, 2010, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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